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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN, ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING
OF "THE TOWN HOUSE, ADELAIDE."

1.12.72

MR. WEINERT, MY LORD MAYOR, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN;

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE THIS EVENING ON THE OCCASION
OF THE OPENING OF THE TOWN MOUSE. I HAVE KNOWN JACK WEINERT FOR
SOME YEARS, AND SO IN ADDITION TO THE PLEASURE I HAVE IN SEEING
A NEW AND MAJOR ADELAIDE TOURIST AND BUSINESS ACCOMMODATION
DEVELOPMENT COME INTO OPERATION, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING
A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF JACK'S ENTERPRISE AND COMMERCIAL VISION.

AS I THINK ALL OF YOU WOULD KNOW BY NOW, MY GOVERNMENT HAS AN
ABIDING INTEREST IN TOURISM AND THEREFORE IN THE PROVISION OF
PROPER ACCOMMODATION STANDARDS. THE TOWN HOUSE WILL CERTAINLY
PROVIDE THESE.

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AND AS AN ENTERPRISE, JACK'S TIMING OF THE OPENING HAS BEEN QUITE
BRILLIANT. THE TOWN HOUSE OPENS READY FOR THE PEAK SUMMER SEASON,
AND ALSO IN TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FOUR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN
ADELAIDE WHICH WILL HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE TOURIST AND
ACCOMMODATION INDUSTRY.

WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS OR SO WE WILL SEE THE OPENING OF THE
FESTIVAL THEATRE, WHICH IS THE FIRST STAGE IN WHAT I BELIEVE WILL
BE AUSTRALIA'S MOST EFFECTIVE MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS AND CONFERENCE
CENTRE - EVEN IF NOT THE MOST EXPENSIVE. AYERS HOUSE, MAGNIFICENTLY
FURNISHED AND RESTORED, AND INCLUDING A RESTAURANT AND BISTRO, WILL
SHORTLY PROVIDE A MAGNIFICENT CENTRE FOR A VARIETY OF TOURIST AND
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. THEN EDMUND WRIGHT HOUSE, SUPERBLY RESTORED, WILL
PROVIDE AN UNPARALLELED SPECTACLE FOR TOURISTS AND A RECEPTION
CENTRE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE. AND THE NEW MULTI-STORIED GOVERNMENT

TOURIST CENTRE IN KING WILLIAM STREET, WILL OPEN TO PROVIDE AN UNPARALLELED RANGE OF TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION BOOKING SERVICES.

THAT OF COURSE IS NOT ALL THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS DOING TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOP CLASS ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL INDUSTRY IN THE STATE: WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER PROJECTS IN THE PIPE-LINE, THE PLANS OF WHICH ARE NOW BEING FINALISED. I BELIEVE THAT WITH GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGEMENT AND THE FAR-SIGHTEDNESS OF MEN LIKE JACK WEINERT, WE CAN IN ADELAIDE, AND IN THE STATE AS A WHOLE, LOOK FORWARD TO ATTAINING A PRE-EMINENT POSITION IN AUSTRALIA AS NOT ONLY THE CENTRAL STATE, BUT AS THE TOURIST CENTRE.

THANK YOU.